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SUBJECT: INFORMATION EFFORT ON NUCLEAR POLICY

1. MAY 26 HERALD TRIBUNE CONTAINES ARTICLE BY FORMER DIRECTOR OF EURATOM OFFICE OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, ENRICO JACCHIA, DESCRIBING INSUFFICIENCY OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS AND SAFEGUARDS ON NUCLEAR SHIPMENTS. AS CHIEF EXAMPLE JACCHIA CITES RECENTLY-PUBLICIZED PLUMBAT AFFAIR, IN WHICH URANIUM ON BOARD THE QTE SCHEERBERG UNQTE WAS DIVERTED IN LATE 1960S. JACCHIA STATES THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDS STAFF WAS INCREASED FROM 15 TO ALMOST 100 PERSONS BETWEEN 1968 AND 1972, STAFF EQUIPED WITH QTE MOST SOPHISTICATED DETECTION INSTRUMENTS UNQTE AND EC HAS QTE MOST INSTRUIVE RIGHTS OF CONTROL AND INTERVENTION UNQTE IN EC MEMBER STATES. SUCH INSRSION JACCHIA OPINES, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

2. JACCHIA CCRITICIZES OPPONENTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
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ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT PROLIFERATION, SAYING THEIR ARGUMENT THAT THEY RESPECT NPT IS IRRELEVANT, SINCE REAL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS DO NOT NOW EXIST. JACCHIA SPECIFICALLY CRITICIZES IAEA DIRECTOR EKLUND'S TEHRAN ATTACK ON CARTER NUCLEAR POLICY.

3. LAST FOUR PARAGRAPHS OF JACCHIA ARTICLE READ AS

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FOLLOWS: QTE IN PURSUING HIS NUCLEAR POLICY THE PRESIDENT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS AND OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF PUBLIC OPINION IN HIS COUNTRY. BUT THE OPPOSITION OF AMERICA'S CLOSEST ALLIES IN EUROPE AND THEIR SKILLFUL EXPLOITATION OF CARTER'S POSITION, ESPECIALLY IN THE THIRD WORLD - ARE DEVASTATING FOR THE AMERICAN IMAGE ABROAD.

4. QTE JIMMY CARTER'S NUCLEAR PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN USED TO SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD THE IMAGE OF AN AGGRESSIVE, SELFISH, RICH NATION WHICH WANTS TO DEPRIVE OTHERS AND ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE BENEFITS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS - THE TRADITIONAL IMAGE OF THE "UGLY AMERICAN".

5. QTE IF THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE HIS POLICY, IT WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO ASSURE THE EUROPEAN ALLIES THE FUEL SUPPLY THEY RIGHTLY REQUEST. AN IMMENSE EFFORT HAS TO BE DONE TO EXPLAIN TO THE WORLD'S PUBLIC OPINION THE TECHNICALITIES OF THIS POLICY. MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW WHAT A NUCLEAR REACTOR REALLY IS, LET ALONE REPROCESSING PLANTS, WHICH ARE THE REAL POINT AT STAKE.

6. QTE THIS EFFORT HAS TO BE DONE URGENTLY BECAUSE WASHINGTON'S POLICY NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OPINION IN ALL NATIONS. NOT ONLY THE SUPPORT OF A FEW SCATTERED PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, WHO KNOW THE TECHNICALITIES OF THE MATTER AND FEEL THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ONLY STANDING ON SOLID MORAL GROUNDS BUT ALSO ON THE RIGHT
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